

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated September 7, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 7, 2007. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-11 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1-11 are finally rejected by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented below.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Mayer et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,537,416) in view of *Anderson et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,851,041). Claims 2, 3-5 and 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Mayer et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,537,416) in view of *Anderson et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,851,041) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of *Adachi et al.* (U.S. Publ. No. 2002/0134212). Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Mayer et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,537,416) in view of *Anderson et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,851,041) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of *Kurihara et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,820,685).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

The Examiner states in an Advisory Action mailed November 9, 2007 that the reply filed by the applicant on November 5, 2007 does not place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner states that the applicant and the Examiner have different views as to the definition of the word stationary. The Examiner further states that for something to be stationary, it is considered stationary with respect to something from a perspective. For example, dice are movable, but the numbers are stationary with respect to the dice because the numbers are always located in the same position on the dice even though the dice as a whole are movable. Hence the moveable posts in the references are again asserted by the Examiner to be also stationary.

Applicant submits that the Examiner errs in this analysis. Applicant submits that when one throws a pair of dice the numbers attached to each die do not remain stationary. They move along with the die. In fact, Applicant submits that were the numbers to remain stationary when a die is thrown as a part of a competitive undertaking, it would be considered unfair, like the current rejection.

Therefore, *Mayer et al.* and *Anderson et al.*, alone or in combination, fail to teach, show or suggest a substrate bevel cleaning chamber comprising a chamber body defining a processing volume, a rotatable substrate support member positioned in a lower portion of the processing volume, at least three cooperatively rotatable substrate centering posts radially positioned around the rotatable substrate support member such that the posts remain stationary during rotation of the substrate support member, and a fluid dispensing nozzle movably positioned to dispense a cleaning fluid onto the top surface of a substrate positioned on the substrate support member as recited in claim 1 and claims 2-11 dependant thereon.

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, Applicant believes that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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